Lauderdale City Council aims for city administrator

By Barbara Clasens

The Lauderdale City Council hired City Administrator Kathleen Miller by a 3 to 2 vote at an emergency council meeting Jan-
uary 24. During the debate prior to the vote, council members exchanged sharp words and citizens testified on both sides of the issue.

Before a packed council chamber, Mayor Jeffrey Davis stated his reasons for recommending Miller's dismissal. "I am dissatis-
ified with her lack of cooperation. She no longer has any con-
fidence or trust and exhibits an unwillingness to work with me.
Persistent difficulties exist in her performance, such as ignoring
explicit directions of the council to place items on the agenda and failure to provide ongoing information to the
council on sensitive city issues."

He cited examples of Miller's failure to follow through on the
council's directions, which included ignoring the directive
to send a letter with specific information to citizens who were potentially impacted by a
sidewalk removal plan on Eastis Street.

He also charged her with pursuing policies that have not been for-
malized by the City Council, such as informing Brandeis residents that the city intended to put sidewalks on both sides of Larpen-
town Avenue.

"Her inordinate attitude has led to hostility and disre-
spect toward me and other members of the council. Residents have complained continually about the manner in which they are treated when they speak to her."

Dains concluded, "Because we are a part-time City Council we have to have a strong sense of confidence and trust in the per-
formance of the city administrator. The key to efficiently run-
ning a city is a sound and com-
fortable working relationship between the mayor, the City
Council, and the city admin-
istrator. I believe this relation-
ship has collapsed to a detri-
mental and unworkable state."

During the discussion that fol-
lowed, Council Member Susan
Barbelli stated she did not share
the mayor's views about Miller.
"I've found our city administra-
tor to be easy to work with.
The issues that the mayor men-
tioned are a concern, but are
not issues that would lead me to
seek an employee's termination,
and certainly not an employee
who has in every other regard
done such a fine job for the
city."

She cited Miller's work on the
police contract, the budgeting process, putting systems in place to make the budgeting process happen, the Commu-

dity Development Block Grants, and working with grant agencies. "The new playground
equipment as it exists there will not exist without her efforts in that regard."

Council Member Gene Ohman raised concerns about proce-
dures. "It is not legal, but we have to live with our con-
sequences. These are serious allegations. These issues do not warranty firing, at least at this
time. I'm appealing to a sense of
righteousness and truth."

Dains pointed out that Miller's
contract, a standard one for city
administrators, permitted the

Lauderdale to 7

Company requests permit to store, then recycle petroleum-based solvents

By Kristin Cooper

A new business is seeking approval from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to operate a solvent recycling facility on Myrtle Avenue at
Vandall Street in South St.
Anthony Park.

The business, Como Lube and Supplies Inc., is a Duluth-based firm that recycles the petroleum-based solvent used by
automobile repair services and car dealerships to wash
automobile parts, said Laura Lott, the company's environ-
mental coordinator.

The firm is currently affiliated with a facility in Fridley run by
Penzoil. Penzoil sold out
some of its business and Como Lube and Supplies bought the parts washing and distillation unit, she said. Como Lube and Supplies currently has an office and parks its trucks at
the Myrtle Avenue site.

The project will require a spe-
cial condition use permit from
the city of St. Paul and a haz-
ardous waste storage facility
permit from the Minnesota Pol-
lution Control Agency (MPCA)
to be in place before it begins
recycling. The possibility of fires or of solvent flowing into storm

Lights! Action! Film studio comes to Como Park area

By Amy Causton

A little bit of Hollywood is coming to our neighborhood as Energy Park Studios opens its doors. The studio, located at
1515 Brewster St. in the Como Park neighborhood, officially opens in late February.

The $1.9 million facility is
owned and operated by James Productions, a local company that produces television com-
mercials for both local and
national clients. One of the top
three production companies in
the state, James Productions
moved from its former head-
quarters in the Loring Park area
of Minneapolis to the Energy
Park Studios in mid-February.

The company will occupy a
portion of the building and will
rent out the rest of the space to
other productions.

The building used to house the Como Athletic Club. Its transformation into a film studio began when the makers of the movie "Little Big League" needed to re-create the Twins locker room for some scenes. The filmmakers ended up shooting in the Athletic Club for over 20 days and other production companies saw its poten-
tial. "It's very conducive to what we do," said Michelle Carson, secretary/treasurer of James Productions.

Providing four soundstages as well as storage areas, a
screening room, and office
space, Energy Park Studios will
be one of the largest studios
between Los Angeles and New

The economic benefit of incoming film produ-
citions is twofold:

- They not only bring in their production crews, who provide new customers for local businesses, but they also employ local talent.

- York. Randy Adamick, executive
director of the Minnesota Film Board, calls it "probably the No. 1 production facility in the state." It is larger than Pais-
ley Park Studios in Chanhassen, the only comparable facility in the state, which has only one
soundstage. And while Paisley Park is also geared for audio recording, Red White, manager of Energy Park Studios and for-
er facilities manager of Paisley Park, notes out that "there is a need for more film and video facilities."

"It's kind of a niche, but this really does put us on the map," said Laura Samargia of St. Paul's Planning and Economic Devel-
opment Department. Samargia, who has been the city's film industry liaison since early December, calls Energy Park Stu-
dios "a very full-service, very industry-specific facility," ideally suited to everything from fea-
ture and TV films to commer-
cials and corporate videos. She
says she is "thrilled about this
project," which is expected to be an economic boon to St. Paul.

According to Adamick, the film and television industry contributes $200 million a year to the state's economy, and about 90 percent of that is spent in the Twin Cities. The average expenditure for a typi-
cal film or commercial shooting day is $50,000 or more, which is one reason Samargia calls film a "target industry" for the city.

Adamick points out that of the 30 films shot in the Twin Cities in recent years, 29 were based in Minneapolis. While many of these films did some location shooting in St. Paul, basing their productions in

Studio to 20
Council Actions at a Glance

- Passed a motion to support the Bikeway Project from the Department of Planning and Economic Development, which will complete the Bikeway on both sides of St. Paul and provide better connection with the University of Minnesota campus.
- Voted to send a message to the City Council expressing the Community Council's strong support for a proposed ordinance regulating the development of gun shop businesses within 1,000 feet of a protected use (school, church, playground, etc.).
- Continued discussion on the issue of excessive noise from the Bridging the Highway and other nearby traffic.
- Continued discussion on Capital Improvement Budgets and possible projects under the new funding from the half-cent sales tax.

Elections to be held April 11

The last day to file for election to the Community Council will be March 7. Elections will be held on April 11. The council provides grass roots citizen participation in neighborhood and city decisions. In 1995, the Community Council will be actively working on issues including information for citizens on finding jobs, maintaining a healthy stock, commercial and economic development and urban noise pollution.

Community Council delegates are elected to serve a two-year term and have many opportunities to represent this neighborhood to oblige task force committees and other organizations to serve your community and show your commitment to democratic process.

The nomination committee members from North St. Anthony Park are Nelson O'Sullivan and Kerstin Beyer. Bob Amforfer and Caroline Mannheim will serve from South St. Anthony Park. They can tell you what a rewarding experience serving can be!

If you are interested in running for a seat on the Council, or in volunteering on other council functions, please call Abby Struck, community organizer, at 292-7884.

Town Meeting to be held March 8

Terry Van Den Hooz from the Dispute Resolution Center will speak at the March Town Meeting at the St. Anthony Park Library on West, March 8, at 7 p.m. Terry is the case development director at the center, and will talk about creative ways to resolve conflicts in a peaceful, win-win manner.

Problem: Your next door neighbor has a floodlight in his back yard that seems to light up the whole neighborhood. Even with your shade drawn, there is enough light filtered into your bedroom to make it difficult to sleep.

Problem: The trains in the railroad yard near your home always seem to load and unload after midnight. You've called the railroad company but they have not responded.

Problem: Two tenants in the four-plex you own are always fighting. You are sick and tired of them complaining to you and putting you in the middle of their disputes.

Find out how these problems can be resolved, and bring your questions and ideas. We expect a lively discussion. The Dispute Resolution Center is a community-based mediation organization that provides low-cost, efficient and effective ways to resolve the conflicts you may encounter in your day-to-day lives.

District 12 increases recycling

In 1994 our district recycled over 737 tons of material. This was an increase over 1993 of almost 8.9 percent. Anne Hurt, executive director of the Neighborhood Energy Consortium, made a presentation to the Community Council at its last meeting. She stated that this neighborhood has done an excellent job of community awareness. We continue to be both active and well informed about the issues. The NEC is continuing to develop other positive ways to address the recycling of waste and reminded the Council that reusable milk bottles save money as well as trash.

Thank you to all our lawn sign volunteers who help make this effort so successful. If you need a replacement recycling bin, please call the Council at 292-7884. If you have questions about recycling, call the consortium at 633-3237.

Mergenthaler wins prestigious Welsh award

Mary Morris Mergenthal of St. Anthony Park will be given the Welsh Society of Philadelphia's prestigious Robert Morris Award on Feb. 25 at the society's 267th annual St. David's Day Dinner. Given annually since 1954, the award will be presented to a woman for the first time. Past recipients have included statesmen, industrialists, lawyers, judges, artists and leaders of the Welsh-American movement in the United States. Labor leader John L. Lewis received the award in 1958. Mergenthaler is owner, editor and publisher of Welsh Voice, the North American Welsh newspaper. The oldest ethnic newspaper in the country, it has been published continuously for 144 years. Mergenthaler purchased the paper in 1989.

Mergenthaler also has been very active in local, state and national Welsh organizations, including serving as president of the St. David's Society of Minnesota and the Minnesota Gymnasium Ganu Association. She has organized and directed state and local Welsh singing festivals as well as opportunities for Welsh language instruction. She has directed area Welsh singing festivals in Kansas City, Mo.; Menomonee Falls, Wis.; and Delaware, Pa. In 1994 she directed a session at the National Gymnastics Welsh (Welsh singing festival) in Bellevue, Wash.

Mergenthaler was editor of the Park Bugle from 1985 to 1992.

Some St. Anthony Park streets at top of list for 1996 paving project

By Kristina Cooper

Part of St. Anthony Park has been selected for the first stage of a 13-year St. Paul street paving program to begin in the summer of 1996.

The section to be paved forms a triangle bordered by Eustis Street to the west, Carter Avenue to the south and Como Avenue to the north and east. All the streets within the triangle will be paved. The city was divided into 88 sections, with seven selected for the first year, Assistant City Engineer Tom Kuhfeld said.

The work follows a long process of identifying streets in the city, through which storm sewers were separated from sanitary sewers, so that the separation project, which will be completed this summer, left a patchwork consisting of streets that had been paved and others that remained oilied, Kuhfeld said.

This project will bring all the city streets up to par, an action that is long overdue, according to Bob Amforfer of the Paul City Council. Speaking recently to the St. Anthony Park Business Association, Amforfer said the City Council expects to allocate up to $8 to $9 million annually for street projects for the next 15 years.

Almost all the streets in St. Anthony Park are oilied. Kuhfeld said this is typical from the history of streets in the city. Around the turn of the century all the streets in the city were dirt roads. After complaints from city health officers about the hazards of dirt in the summer, the city sent around horse-drawn wagons to spray the streets with water. This process led to puddles, which bred mosquitoes.

Eventually the city used an oiled product of asphalt on the streets with sand sprinkled on top. The thinner the asphalt, the more evaporated the oil, but it smelled so bad that people complained and the mayor at the time put an end to it, Kuhfeld said. In the 1970s the city switched to an asphalt emulsion to keep the roads from deteriorating, and this is now done every third year.

Another problem besides oiled streets is the unreliability of curbs throughout the city. Kuhfeld said some areas in the city do not have curbs because residents chose not to have them. These areas have eroded to the point where the street reaches the sidewalk in some places, Kuhfeld noted.

The street paving process will include curbs, gutters and street lights throughout the city. Disturbed boulevards will be resodded and boulevards missing trees will get them, Kuhfeld said. He said the outfalls from the sidewalk to the curb will be redone, as will alley aprons.

Residents will be assessed for the street, curb and gutters at 35 percent of the actual cost. That amounts to $25 per foot for the distance along the street on the front of the lot. This amount is assessed at the end of the construction project. After a hearing before the City Council, residents can choose to pay all, some or none of the assessment at that time. The unpaid portion will go on the resident's tax roll for the next ten years, depending on the amount.

Senior citizens may apply to have the assessment deferred until their property is sold, he said. Residents of corner lots will be assessed only one time and for only the frontage of their lots.

The project will repave 160 miles of streets throughout the city, Kuhfeld said. During the sewer separation project, each piece of road was paved for a period of 90 days, but Kuhfeld expects that period to be shorter for this project. Even during sewer separation, Kuhfeld said, residents were able to reach their homes unless some work was being done directly on their property.

The operation will require digging down seven feet in some places. In St. Anthony Park have lead water connections. He said there was some debate about whether these connections between the city water lines and private properties are dangerous. The water from the city is lead-free, he said, but these service lines are an private property and are the responsibility of the property owners. He said there will be lead-free and increased lead services in the city.

NSP and U.S. West also will get some work done while the street is open. Kuhfeld said NSP is in the process of a major upgrade and has been working with the city during the sewer separation project.

The water department has kept a record of problem areas in the city's aging pipes. It will be participating in the site selection process to try to work on troubled sites first. The selection process has not been set, Kuhfeld said, but is likely to include representatives from the city's community councils through the Steering and Utilities Task Force and CDIB budget committees.
Brud Lasser, Falcon Heights, was one of seven individuals chosen to receive Northwest Youth & Family Services’ (NYFS) 1994 Outstanding Service to Youth Awards. The award recipients were honored Jan. 26, at NYFS’ 9th annual community social.

Lasser, a senior at Roseville Area High School, works with the Roseville Recreation Department as an advisor for youth activities and has participated in numerous activities at his school. He has been student representative on the Roseville District School Board, a member of the Student Council, a member of several district and school committees, including the Facilities Planning Committee, Breakfast Club, and is the only three-year peer mediator. He is also a member of the Falcon Heights Human Rights Commission, the "Turn Off the Violence" campaign, 1995 Roseville Star of the North steering committee and the Roseville Community Education Youth Leadership Council.

Marcus Klemp of Como Park was in the cast of the Youth Performance Company’s production of "Freedom Riders." The play was performed at the Howard Conn Fine Arts Center in Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis in January.

Rebecca Bedner was named to the fall quarter dean’s list at Normandale Community College, Bloomington. To be named to the list, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0-point scale.

Dan Morlock of St. Anthony Park was one of 39 students from Bemidji State University to participate in the school’s 19th annual Opera Night production in Bemidji and Minneapolis in February. The evenings featured musical selections from world-famous operas and operettas, in addition to Italian cuisine. Music included selections from such operas as "Madame Butterfly," "La Bohème" and "Carmen." Morlock is a sophomore pursuing a degree in music. He will also travel overseas this summer on tour with the Bemidji Choir.

Ed Kohler, 1992 Minnesota cross country ski champion and Central High School graduate, qualified for the six-member team to represent the United States at the FIS/World University Games in Spain, held Feb. 18 to 26. He also qualified for the NCAA championships to be held in March in Jackson, N.H.

Leanne Matthiesen of Falcon Heights was named to the fall quarter dean’s list for the College of Agriculture at the University of Minnesota. Matthiesen is majoring in science in agriculture.

Kristin Ascerno and Kristine Giga, both of Falcon Heights, were named to the fall quarter dean’s list at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

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March 19 Justice Paul H. Anderson - Minnesota Supreme Court Judge
March 26 Martha Sawyer Allen - Minneapolis Star Tribune
7:00pm - 8:00pm at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church
No charge for admission. EVERYONE is always welcome!
Miller deserved better

We were shocked to learn in late January that the Lauderdaile City Council had fired City Administrator Kathleen Miller because of a dispute over billing fees. Miller has always come across as a highly professional, efficient city employee. Her work on behalf of Lauderdaile was regarded as providing quality communities as well. She is a person with a strong sense of direction and definite ideas about the way things should be done. That attitude perhaps rubbed some people the wrong way and made her appear "arrogant." In defending their decision to fire Miller, the mayor and two council members invoked serious charges: insubordination, not following through with council directives, treating Lauderdaile citizens discourteously, and so forth. These charges are unfounded and that she has been wrongfully discharged. She has retained an attorney in an effort to reverse that decision.

City administrators, of course, always serve at the will of the City Council. The Lauderdaile council members who voted to fire Miller are correct in asserting that they have the right to fire any employee, but the process certainly raises some questions. If the council was so seriously concerned with Miller's performance that her job was on the line, she should have known that.

Council Member Steve Froehlich said at the council meeting that Miller was told during a performance evaluation last year that she needed to deal professionally and courteously with the public. Was she told that her continued employment depended on it?

Miller says she did not know her job was in jeopardy and was "dumbfounded" when Mayor James Dains and Froehlich met with her a few days prior to the council meeting and asked her to resign. Apparently, Dains and Froehlich already knew they had three votes to oust her. This behind-the-scenes intrigue in itself is disturbing.

Was the council's action proper? Residents of Lauderdaile will have the final say this fall when they decide whether to re-elect Jails and Jack Barlow, who voted to remove Miller, and Susan Bardill, who supported her.

Meantime, we wish the council luck in finding a new administrator who will want to work in Lauderdaile.

—JohLe Lehr

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In celebration of failure

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ailure and celebration. The two don’t seem to complement one another real well. After all, failures—shame, embarrassment and self-doubt—are not exactly reasons for whomping it up. But are celebrating and finding success the same thing?

Think about it for a moment.

Reality is that all of us sooner or later face failure at least once. We can spend lots of energy avoiding situations we see as having a high likelihood of failure. But we cannot or don’t want to prevent it, and if we do, we’re probably preventing success as well. Even if we can’t prevent the failures, we can learn from them. And we can learn a lot about what we’re doing right as well as what we’re doing wrong.

In 1987, Carol Hyatt and Linda Gottlieb wrote the quintessential primer on the verbosen subject called "When Smart People Fail." The book was conceived when each woman experienced devastating setbacks in her respective life.

The authors addressed the reality of our turbulent times: neither jobs, real estate prices, or personal state are guaranteed. They extrapolated factors from the experiences of more than 100 people, discovering reasons for failure. Those who feel clueless when sitting in the middle of a mess can take heart.

First of all, they say, there is no one single reason for failure. It is often the result of the sum of several factors. Hyatt and Gottlieb suggest that we view these situations as opportunities for learning. The alternative, spending inordinate amounts of time blaming ourselves for something else, often helps set in motion a pattern for more of the same experiences.

What exactly is failure? Is it no longer being No.1? For some, that’s the case, but those people need a reminder: No one stays on top forever.

Take a look at all the former jocks on late-night TV promoting everything from stomach reducers to lineaments to cereals. Or the former pop icon whose collected works are not available in stores but can only be accessed through that toll free number flashing before you on the screen. They’re not what they were in their glory days. People can cast aspersions, or give them credit for hanging in there. Remember this: Regardless of our opinion, most of them are probably crying all the way to the bank anyway.

For others, failure means they tried something, failed, and possibly feel they made a fool of themselves. Legend has it that Thomas Edison tried 999 times before getting the light bulb to work. Yet, the Wizard of Menlo Park is remembered today as a genius. There are many such examples to show that we can give failure the power to destroy us rather than recreate us.

Natalie Zett

Our culture is partly to blame for the lopsided view of this integral part of life. After all, we worship winners and are embarrassed by losers. Though our country has changed from the time Jonathan Edwards, a Puritan minister, wrote the essay "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," in this area you’d never know it. While the snappy little title doesn’t exactly beckon a modern audience, it’s worth investigating. It contains a concept that the underlying structure of this country is built upon: "Success equals God’s blessing." It’s sometimes called the Protestant work ethic (which, by the way, alone leaves a lot of us out). Just work hard. Just say no. If things aren’t working, or if you’re in a predicament, you didn’t work hard enough, or you’re a mere reprobate. Just one problem with those conclusions. Life is by its nature, chaotic.

The chaos effect jolts us each time we feel its sting. Maybe we should just expect it. And, after the tremors subside, maybe we could let it teach us. But that requires that we move away from the present mentality that worshiping winning at all costs. Maybe the freewill desire to win is simply born out of a deep need to avoid pain.

How we define success needs to change. It’s often external or outward (the house, the neighborhood, the spouse, the car and the toys). But, wouldn’t it be extraordinary if we took some of the devotion to trappings and reconfigured it on developing other aspects of our lives. Did we actually point at the confidence in the physical (of course, the home) in order to develop a confidence in the personal?

Letters

Enhancing an architectural gem

As the plans for the elevator addition to the St. Anthony Park Branch Library continue to be discussed, we are reminded again of the architectural beauty and focus this building brings to our community. This architectural gem is enhanced your everyday by the beautifully lit window boxes and tree during the winter months and by the flower boxes and flower beds during the spring and summer. The St. Anthony Park Branch Library Association would like to thank those individuals and organizations that help make this possible.

Our thanks go to:
Comer Park Conservatory

Gerald McKay, St. Anthony Park
Jazzy nights enliven winter at Como Conservatory

By Nora Livesey

Stepping out of the chilly February wind into the Como Park Conservatory, I was greeted by the heady fragrance of jasmine and stock, an old-fashioned garden plant. After the dead winter air, it made me feel a little lighthearted. The occasion: Evenings Under Glass.

Evenings Under Glass is a spin-off of the conservatory’s novel-hour Music Under Glass concert series, and is designed to be an outlet for after-work gatherings. Throughout January and February, jazz musicians played in the sunken garden on Thursday nights and various local businesses catered appetizers.

The theme for the night was Green Tea and Chords. I filled my plate with Laura Chin’s egg rolls and crab rangoon and settled down on a bench to listen to Cap’n Jack McDuff, a renowned jazz organist, send riffs reverberating off the green-house glass. McDuff’s 40-year career has resulted in more than 60 albums, and his bands have included other well-known jazz players before they were discovered. He’s shared his jazz melodies with a lot of people. He even gave the man next to me a copy of a song he composed so the guy could play it on his electric accordion when visiting nursing homes.

People were crowded between the azaleas and cyclamen along the fish pond and put into the palm fronds in the next room. Heads nodded between bites of egg rolls and casual conversation. Feet tapped absent. For many in the audience, the experience was an unfolding of memories. “I haven’t been here since I was 13 years old. You know you could take the streetcar to Como Park then. I think that one was called the Stryker,” one man related.

This year, the conservatory will celebrate its 80th birthday. Renovations in the last few years have restored its appearance to what it was when visitors first entered in 1915. Former St. Paul Park Superintendent Frederick Nusshauk, who dreamed of and later built the conservatory, wanted it to be a place where, “all may find a visit refreshing, restful, profitable, and beneficial to the soul and body.”

Conservatory Director Roberta Sladky said the jazz series was targeted to working adults as part of the conservatory’s goal of attracting different segments of the population. “We really want to see more awareness for and use of our beautiful garden. It’s just nice to see people enjoying the space.”

“...Complete and Utter Failure: A Celebration of Also-Rans, Runners-Up, Never-weres and Total Flops.” Similar to Hyatt’s and Gottlieb’s tome, it also recountsters stories of failure in all its painful diversity—from failed products to failed ideas to failed attempts to scale Mount Everest.

Steinberg remembered, as a child, inviting friends to watch a magic trick that looked simple when he saw it on television. But, to his utter humiliation, he couldn’t do it, and his friends walked away.

Steinberg said, “For years I had that memory of this 4-year-old idiot, thinking, ‘It’s all over, I’m never going to be a rock star.’ And all the guitar lessons and choir and drama club and debate, all that public performance, was a useless rear guard action to forestall what had already been decided at that point.” He had almost allowed one experience to determine the destination for the rest of his life.

Since that time, he’s learned to find camaraderie with others who tried and didn’t make it. His personal favorite, Maurice Williams, was an English health food freak who felt that his nutritional theories gave him superhuman powers that would allow him to climb Mount Everest untrained—even though he had no mountaineering skills. So in 1934, he went to the base of Mount Everest. He fasted, drank seawater, and then proceeded to try to climb the mountain without creating too much of a sensation of drama. But he didn’t do it.

Steinberg continues, “I think that’s what I learned from looking at peoples’ failures. You can’t let them (the failures) drag you down. You have to hold them up and appreciate them and maybe even enjoy them in sort of a melancholy way, put them in their little box in tissue paper and push the drawer shut and go on with life and try again.” Steinberg strongly believes that, failure, if you let it, often builds character, while lack of it can breed arrogance. He hopes his book will make people look more kindly on their own failure and remind them that the world’s frustrated dreamers, adventurers and inventors deserve their own place in history.

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It’s early enough in 1995 where we can still tack on one more resolution: to learn to reinterpret our so-called short-comings. Maybe the next time something doesn’t go the way you intended, instead of sinking into despair, you can remind yourself that at least you tried. Even if you don’t feel like throw- ing a party, you still might have a lot more fun in the long run.

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Park Bugle
Recycling climbs to 700 lbs. per household in St. Anthony Park

By Kristin Cooper

The recycling efforts of St. Anthony Park residents were praised by the executive director of the Neighborhood Energy Consortium at the February meeting of the St. Anthony Park Community Council.

Anne Hunt said St. Anthony Park was one of the first St. Paul neighborhoods to participate in the curbside recycling program, and currently residents are recycling over 700 pounds per household annually, more than any other neighborhood in the city.

Hunt said the total in St. Anthony Park grew slightly from 1993 to 1994, mostly because of increased recycling by people in multi-unit residences. City-wide, the use of curbside recycling has increased 8 percent. The total for the neighborhood in 1994 was 20,652 tons recycled with 85 to 90 percent of residents participating.

Newspaper made up the largest portion (81.8 percent) of what was recycled in the neighborhood. That was followed by glass (16.2 percent), corrugated cardboard (8.6 percent) and magazines and junk mail (8 percent). Hunt said lower totals for aluminum might indicate that people were taking their cans to recycling sites themselves.

Hunt encouraged residents to make use of the textile recycling also available at the curbside. She said even old socks can be recycled and used to make jacket lining and other things.

The Neighborhood Energy Consortium (NEC) is operating under a state mandate for Ramsey County and the city of St. Paul to have 45 percent of all waste recycled. Hunt said her group estimates the area is now in the mid to high 30 percent range.

Households currently pay $20 per year for the curbside recycling service, while apartment residents pay $13 per year. Hunt said volunteers who put signs on their lawns reminding neigh-

bors when recycling day approaches said in a recent survey that they would be willing to pay more for increased service. The most frequent request is for curbside plastics recycling.

Hunt said the NEC board recommended against plastic recycling for three reasons: The cost is four times higher than the present system because plastics are bulky, but lightweight; the market for plastics is unreliable; and there are alternatives consumers can choose.

She said Minneapolis has experienced many of these problems because of its plastic recycling service. She encouraged residents to use alternatives such as returnable milk jugs, which she said not only do not generate waste, but can save consumers up to $10 per year over the one-use containers.

Hunt also said the group is pushing for wider use of reusable plastic containers. She showed members of the council heavy plastic pop bottles which are used in Europe. These bottles can be reused 20 to 25 times, but pop manufacturers claim that U.S. consumers would not buy the product in that form. The NEC also is working to get schools to buy milk for school lunches in small reusable containers to save on waste expenses.

While NEC does not plan on including plastic recycling anytime soon, it is hoping to incorporate, in 1995, cardboard such as that used in packaging cereal, detergent and 12-pack pop.

Hunt said NEC is working with the city to improve recycling and reusing in the public sector. She said that while the Target Center and University of Minnesota are fairly good at recycling, the Civic Center and St. Paul Public Schools show room for improvement.

Hunt stressed that as worth while as recycling is, it is important to remember the other "R" that make a big difference in the level of waste consumers produce—reducing and reusing.

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City Council to dismiss her. "The city administration always lives under the auspices of whether or not the City Council is comfortable with their performance," Council Member Steve Froehlich said he had agonized over this situation. "This did not come about quickly. It has been a longstanding issue with me. At last year's performance evaluation, I said the city administrator needs to deal professionally and courteously with the public. I have reminded her on numerous occasions hoping things would improve, I haven't seen any progress in the last year in dealing with the public."

Bardell responded, "I don't know if the citizens are aware of the number of issues that we deal with in a year. An item slips by—I don't know of anyone who is held to 100 percent performance. I wouldn't hold anyone to those standards."

Froehlich repeated his assertion that a year later it's still an issue. "I disagree that the council hasn't worked on this enough. Kathleen Miller hasn't worked on this enough."

Council Member Jack Barlow stated that the city administrator is not elected but hired. "She should serve the council—the will of the council as directed by the council. I basically support the termination because of the irreconcilable differences between Kathleen and myself. I haven't been able to work with Kathleen for the better part of a year and a half."

Comments from Lauderdale citizens, at times impassioned and emotional, expressed differing views. Grace Dyrdal labeled the procedure hasty and unfair. "We've had a couple of different sets of people in government and we continue to have these problems." She recommended structural changes and some work on how conflict is handled within the council and within the city staff. Homer Lambrecht, chair of the Planning and Zoning Task Force, observed that it's important that the community deal with organizational issues. "We have a serious fault that has occurred—an earthquake. Whether she gets along with people is not an issue with me. Could it be that those people who are the most talented really wrangle?" [Lambrecht has since resigned as chair of the task force.]

Daniel Gunmit, a businessman who moved to Lauderdale two years ago, questioned whether firing Miller was prudent for the city from a fiscal point of view. "It can't be cheap to search for, hire, and train a new city administrator." He proposed a probationary period so everyone involved could express their concerns, needs and feelings. "Then, at least people tried. It may save a lot of money."

Opposing Miller, Denise Hawkins spoke about her years on the Park Committee. "We worked hard. We kept coming up with ideas and asked that our suggestions be brought to the City Council. We found out later they were never brought up at the meetings. It was a slap in the face. I feel that she didn't care what I thought and I feel that she didn't care what anyone thought."

John P. Strejpy complained that he had sent four or five letters to Miller regarding an illegal occupancy situation on Carl Street without a response. "I'm ignored. I'm tired of being ignored. The rules of the city that are already in place could stop this."

Julie Meddery, a 15-year resident, expressed concern about the process. "... if we follow this kind of process, I feel it looks like retaliation..."

Dains restated his position. "I have dedicated my life to this city. I have put in an extreme amount of time to go to every citizen's home and talk to them personally. My relationship with the city administrator whether we can work together, is crucial—very crucial to what we accomplish and what we do here. We are running another city hall at our house because people are reluctant to call city hall."

Council Member Froehlich finally offered a motion that Miller's employment with the city of Lauderdale be terminated, effective immediately. Bar- low seconded the motion.

Bardell registered her strong opposition to the termination. "Kathleen has been an excellent employee in my opinion. She has done tremendous things for the city, things that would not have been done otherwise."

Dains, Barlow and Froehlich voted for dismissal. Bardell and Ohman voted against. Miller thanked her supporters, council Members Ohman and Bardell, and the city staff. "I'm not going to dispute the allegations that the mayor has brought against me," she said. Asked about Dains, Barlow and Froehlich, Miller added, "I'm sorry. I'm human, yes. I've made mistakes. But nothing I have done warrants this kind of action. It is for this reason that I am able to express my decision with grace. I leave here with a heavy heart, but my head held high, knowing Lauderdale is a better place economically, operationally, and better staffed than when I started 3 1/2 years ago. I thank the residents of Lauderdale for allowing me to serve. It's been challenging yet rewarding. Miller later told the Burglar that she had no idea her job was in jeopardy until Thursday before the council meeting.

"I thought I was meeting the mayor for coffee. When I got there, he was with Steve Froehlich, who had a letter of resignation with him. I was dumbfounded."

Miller has retained an attorney, who has sent a letter to the council, which, according to Miller, "represents an effort to sit down and discuss with them my firm belief that I was wrongfully discharged." The letter was sent as the Bugle went to press. Following Miller's dismissal, the council appointed Paul Robinson, Lauderdale's administrative analyst, as acting city administrator until a new city administrator is hired.

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Mayors' commission gets renewed funding to continue youth programs

By Tony Grundhauser

The Mayors' Commission Against Drugs, a community-based prevention coalition, recently received just short of $100,000 in renewed state funding to continue its mission of helping the communities of Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Roseville and Little Canada create and maintain a safe and chemically healthy community. The grant is for a two-year period.

The main focus of the commission, formed five years ago by the mayors of the four communities, is young people. In 1989, Tom Baldwin, mayor of Falcon Heights, and Frank Rog, then mayor of Roseville, identified a number of problems within the communities' youth populations, such as an increase in juvenile crime, high anti-social behavior, underage drinking and large amounts of unsupervised time.

"From our original discussions," Baldwin says, "we agreed that there was a need to have a community-building group focused on the needs of young people and the health of the community."

Two years later, as the commission became more ambitious, the mayors sought and received grant money to hire an executive director. Although their first request failed, they persevered, the next year and were granted money through state funds set aside for community crime prevention.

They hired Connie Lanners Bernardy, a senior financial ana-

lyst at Alliant Tech Systems. Falcon Heights City Council Member Sue Gehrz, an original member of the commission, was excited by the selection.

"Connie came out of the business community," Gehrz says. "And we felt she represented some real interesting possibilities for the marketing of prevention."

Three years later, Bernardy is still the commission's executive director. She originally planned to take a one-year leave of absence, then return to Alliant. But as the program progressed, her interest and involvement increased.

Bernardy has expanded the program beyond its original intent and added a number of features and prevention initiatives to implement the objectives of a chemically healthy community.

"The program began with conversations about the basics of drug use. Now it has evolved into finding ways to create healthy communities, particularly for our young people," she says.

Much of the commission's focus revolves around the findings of Minneapolis-based Search Institute, an organization that has surveyed young people in several communities to identify areas of need.

"Dr. Peter Benson, head of Search Institute, gave the survey to the students at Roseville Area Schools," Bernardy explained. "His [survey] model identifies 30 assets young people need to have, including pro-social values, positive time use, educational and social competence. He says the young people need 25 of the 30 assets to be healthy. The fewer assets a young person has, the higher the probability of risk factors like abusing drugs, teen pregnancy and violence."

"The average in the Roseville

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School District was 16.5 assets," she said, emphasizing that the number was better than the rest of the students in other suburbs around the Twin Cities.

Other findings of the survey, "Search Institute Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors," administered in April 1994, found Roseville Area stu-
dents ahead of their peers nationally in some areas and behind on others.

For example, illicit drug use among students attending Roseville Area Schools, grades seven through 12, was significantly lower than the national average. According to the sur-
vey, 25 percent of this year's seniors used illicit drugs more than six times in the period between April 1993 and April 1994, compared to a 14 percent national average.

Roseville students ranked sig-
nificantly lower, however, in driving after drinking. Fourteen percent of this year's seniors said they drove after drinking two times or more in the past year compared to 24 percent nationally.

Bernardy sees the commission as a resource that can help differ-
ent segments of the community: enforcement agencies, business, government, schools, faith organizations, parents—to rally around youth initiatives and activities. Many of the com-
mission's initiatives overlap with those developed through District 623 schools.

"About four years ago," Bernardy says, "Roseville Area High School came up with seven core values for the students. The values are: respect for self and others; compassion; responsibility; honesty and integrity; commitment; valuing families; and sense of community. The values are displayed on posters throughout the school. We feel that the mayors' com-
mision can come up with ways to facilitate and support these values."

Bernardy believes the best way to support those core values is to promote the positive assets as identified in the Search Institute survey. One asset she and the commission are emphasizing is intergenera-
tional communication.

"One example of what the mayors' commission has done to promote inter-generational communication is have open gym once a month for high school students. We get a com-
munity organization like the St. Anthony Police Department to sponsor the event—and you sponsor an event by supplying adults to play volleyball and basketball with the young peo-
ple," she said.

"Something neat that's hap-
pening is now the high school students are sponsoring the event for the middle school stu-
dents," Bernardy said excitedly.

As a result of the commis-
sion's work, the city of Falcon Heights has waived fees for renting facilities at city hall, the Community Park building and Curtis Field park shelter, for people or organizations wanting to create an intergenerational opportunity for young people. Twenty-five percent of the partic-

tipants must be from Falcon Heights to qualify.

Another area where Bernardy feels local youth can benefit from programs is in crime prevention. The Search Institute survey found that an average of 66 per-
cent of Roseville school stu-
dents spend two or more hours at home alone during the day.

"This is a high risk period for young people," she says. "So this is something we're trying to target with after-school activities like the open gym."

A good portion of the grant money, she says, will go toward after-school activities. The rest of the money goes toward Bernardy's salary, non-violent conflict resolution training, youth leadership councils, and partnerships with other groups like the Initiative for Violence Free Families and Communities in Ramsey County, the National Character Counts organization and other coalitions.

Bernardy has not let her expe-
rience in the private sector go to waste. This year, with the commission's help, the Subur-
ban Area Chamber of Com-
merce set up a task force to help with Minnesota Chemical Health Week.

"Connie has really spearhead-
ed the effort to make businesses more aware of problems like drug or alcohol usage which might be occurring right under their noses," said Gary Wind, executive director of the Subur-
ban Area Chamber of Com-
merce. He says Bernardy will conduct seminars about any number of topics for businesses in the community, and will out-
line effective strategies that businesses can use to work with employees who have chemical health problems.

As part of her work, Bernardy also hosts two local cable access television shows taped at CTY in Roseville: "Preven-
tion," a show designed to give chemical safety information, and "The Initiative," a collabora-
tion with the Initiative for Vio-

lence Free Families and Commu-
nities in Ramsey County. Each show airs once a month. Check listings for day and time.

Asked about the successes the commission has seen over the past five years, Bernardy points to results of an aggregate study done in Roseville over a three-
year period. Between 1989 and 1992, she says, alcohol use and binge drinking among high school seniors went from 47 percent to 32 percent. The num-
ber of youths who have never used alcohol rose from 20 to 36 percent in the same time period.

Bernardy hopes that through the efforts of the commission, "Everyone in the community will wrap their arms around young people."

If nothing else, she says, "Learn the names of the kids in your neighborhood. And don't forget to smile and say "Hi" when you pass them on the street!"

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Kindergarten round-up
A meeting for children who plan to start kindergarten in 1995 (those who will be 5 by Sept. 1, 1995), and their parents, will be held at Chelsea Heights School, 1557 Huron St., on Tues., March 21, at 3:45 p.m. Call the school, 263-8790, to register for round-up.

Parish nurse project
Lyngdalson Care Center and Immanuel Lutheran Church, 104 S. Snelling Ave., have become partners in the first parish nurse program in St. Paul. The program serves members of Immanuel Lutheran's congregation and the local community. Immanuel's parish nurse, Crisny Frazier, serves as educator, personal health counselor, liaison with community health organizations, facilitator for support groups and a clarifier of the faith/health relationship. A health cabinet made up of Immanuel members oversees the work of the parish nurse. Lyngdalson offers support and education and acts as facilitator of the project. The two organizations will share costs for the first three years of the project.

Frazier says many of the services she offers can be found in other agencies. "But I hope I'm more user friendly," she said. "I don't have all the answers, but I'm very willing to find them."

Alliance formed for Jewish seniors
The boards of Shelom Home and Community Housing and Service Corporation (CHSC) have approved a process that will most likely lead to a merger of the two agencies. The process is expected to result in the formation of an alliance of Twin Cities Jewish senior housing, nursing homes and services for nearly 1,000 seniors. Each organization serves a similar-aged population, has a similar mission statement and has been seeking a permanent executive director. The combined organization will be searching for one executive director, expected to be named in early spring.

CHSC serves 390 seniors at three senior housing locations in St. Louis Park, while Shelom Home serves 370 seniors at nursing homes on Midway Parkway in Como Park and in St. Louis Park, and in its adult daycare and meals-on-wheels programs. "This is an important step in our objective or providing a continuum of care for Jewish elderly in the Twin Cities," said Jon Gordon, president of the Shelom Home Board of Trustees.

The new organization hopes to expand its delivery of community-based services to seniors. No name for the new organization has been decided on. Each of the five facilities will retain its own name.

La Leche League meeting
The art of breastfeeding and avoiding difficulties are the topics of the next monthly meeting of the Como-Midway La Leche League. Mothers-to-be, mothers, babies and toddlers are invited to attend the meeting on Tues., March 28, at 7 p.m. La Leche League meetings provide breastfeeding information and support on an informal, mother-to-mother basis. A lending library on a wide variety of related topics is also available. For meeting location or more information, call Jeanne at 644-0302 or Faye at 489-6596.

Sholom Home seeks volunteers
Shelom Home East, 1554 Midway Parkway, seeks volunteers in a variety of positions. Volunteers can help as activity aides, one-to-one volunteers, unit receptionists, group game leaders, manicurists, musicians, audittorium event transportation, clerical or computer workers, gift shop salespeople, mealtime assistants, beauty shop transporters, helpers at religious events or leaders for Shabbat services. Volunteers receive training, meal benefits, an annual luncheon and more. There are also volunteer opportunities available for groups interested in doing community service. For more information, call Fran Walsh, 637-6246.

FALCON HEIGHTS
City wins award
Falcon Heights and Roseville were presented with a national award for their outstanding participation in last August's National Night Out Against Crime events. Police Community Relations Coordinator Jerry Ruettimann presented the award to the Falcon Heights City Council on behalf of the National Association of Town Watch.

Over 8,700 communities and 27.5 million people from all 50 states were involved in last year's National Night Out celebration, an effort to increase awareness and visibility of public safety officers.

Deer on exhibit
The Wildlife Heritage Association's 13th annual Minnesota Deer Classic is scheduled for March 10-12 in the coliseum at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Dave Dirka, owner of Dreamer's Deer Scent, will be bringing a number of live white-tailed deer to the event. He will hold daily seminars, which are free with admission. Another presenter will be Dan Fitzgerald, a professional hunter and hunting video producer, who will be conducting educational seminars.

For more information, call 925-1923.

LAUDERDALE
One side parking ends in March
Lauderdale residents may return to parking on both sides of the street (unless otherwise posted) on March 16. However, residents are still required to remove their cars from the streets after two inches or more of continuous snowfall until streets can be cleaned.

Sand for icy alleys or walkways is available free of charge in the parking lot of the city park on Roseau Avenue. Lauderdale residents may use the sand as needed.

ST. ANTHONY PARK
Library news
The St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., is now open Monday through Thursday until 9 p.m. New hours are 12:30 to 9 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.; and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday. Saturday hours continue to be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The St. Paul City Council provided funding to the library's 1995 budget for this service. The Arlington Hills, Hamline, Rice Street and Riverview branch libraries will also be open these hours.

The St. Anthony Park Library

In March,
Bruce Peterson is Employee of the Month
Bruce Peterson is the quiet craftsman of the art school. He takes great pride in his work and takes great interest in the work of others. Bruce enjoys solving the unique problems of remodeling, especially in older homes. His personal interests include gardening and sculpture. Bruce earned a blue ribbon for his wood sculpture in the 1993 Minnesota State Fair. Thank you, Bruce.
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UCC hosts World Day of Prayer

Activities at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., will focus on Lent, which begins on March 1 with Ash Wednesday. A communion service, along with the imposition of ashes, will take place at 7:30 p.m.

"The Earth is a House for All People" is the theme for the annual World Day of Prayer service to be held on Fri., March 3, at 10 a.m. Women representing all the churches in St. Anthony Park are planning the local service, and all men and women are invited to attend.

This year's service has been written by Karen Wells in western Africa, and will include Ghanaian music and traditions, as well as stories from Ghanaian refugees. Refreshments will be served following the service. Child care will be requested by calling 645-7934.

World Day of Prayer is sponsored by Church Women United and has been celebrated in many countries for 108 years.

Sunday evening suppers and a special Lenten program for all ages will begin March 5 and continue every Sunday evening throughout Lent. Families and individuals are invited to bring fruit, cheese and bread to share at 5 p.m. Soup will be provided. Following supper, there will be intergenerational activities until 7 p.m.

A play in a day

SteppingStone Theatre for Youth Development will hold a one-day Saturday workshop, "A Play in a Day," on Sat., April 1, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Murray Junior High School, 2250 Buford Ave. Working closely with a director, students will create a short play and perform it for friends and family. The cost is $25 and students should pack a snack. The performance will be at 11:30 a.m.

Age groupings (which may vary slightly) are 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 and 13-16. For more information, call Liz Geraghty at 225-9265.

Meet with Megard

Ward 4 St. Paul City Council Member Bobbi Megard will host an informal meeting on Tues., March 28, at 6:30 p.m., at the St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., to hear from citizens about their concerns.

"I hope people will drop in to say hello and tell me what's going well or what changes they would like to see," Megard said.

The St. Anthony Park meeting is one of three neighborhood get-togethers Megard has scheduled. Others will be at the Merriam Park Library on Feb. 23, and at the Hamline Library on April 3. For more information, call 266-8640.

Seminary news

Luther Seminary's Office of Seminarian Relations has four new full members this school year. Thomas Jolyette has been serving as major gifts consultant since August. Roger L. Anderson, director of church relations and Bradley O. Reins, director of planned giving, joined the office Dec. 1. Sheri Booms is the new associate in the public relations office.

Booms was previously communications coordinator at Lyngblomsten Care Center in Como Park. She also writes a monthly "Seniors" column in the Como Review.

The 11th annual Lutheran Mission Conference, this year titled "The Mission of the Church in the Nations," will be held on Sat., March 18, at Luther Seminary. An address will be given by Dr. Mark Thomsen, director of the Division for Global Mission, ELCA. Workshops, videos, resources, insights and much more will be featured. There will also be a concurrent program for children 3 years and up, and for teens. For more information call Global Mission Institute, 641-3487.

Grants for women filmmakers

Women are invited to submit proposals by April 1 for a new film project, or for completion of film projects in progress, to Midwest Media Artists Access Center, 2388 University Ave. Grant recipients may receive up to $1,500 worth of MIMA equipment and facilities rental, depending on project needs and the number of projects selected for support. Winners may also receive a limited amount of film stock. Commercial projects and projects associated with a degree program are not eligible. For more information, call 644-1912.

Kindergarten round-up

Kindergarten round-up at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 2180 Knopf St., will be held on Thurs., March 30, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 1995, and their parents (s) are invited to meet the principal and teachers. Open house will be held in the kindergarten classrooms while parents meet with staff and receive registration materials.

Child care will be provided and records served. Bring the child's original birth certificate to the round-up. For more information, call the school at 293-4835.

St. Park's Day dinner

The Church of St. Cecilia will host its annual St. Patrick's Day dinner on Sun., March 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the church basement.

The dinner features roast turkey and all the trimmings. Tickets are $5.50; children age 8 and under eat for free. Door prizes will be awarded every half hour.

Diners may also participate in the annual St. Patrick's Raffle. The first prize is $500; second prize is one free night for two at the Crowne Sterling Suites; and third prize is a $50 certificate for either the Orndorff Music Theater or the Science Museum of Minnesota. Raffle tickets are $1.

The Church of St. Cecilia is located at 2307 Bayliss Place in South St. Anthony Park, just north of the intersection of University and Raymond Avenues.

Community band to begin rehearsing

The St. Anthony Park Community Band begins its 14th season of rehearsals on Tues., April 11. Anyone who plays an instrument is welcome to join the band. Rehearsals are held at Como Park High School, 740 W. Rose St., just east of Como Lake, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday throughout the summer.

For more information, call director Paul Husby, at 642-1589 or Gerald McKay, 644-1936.

Langford/South St. Anthony Rec Centers

Registration for youth baseball and softball at Langford Park will be held from March 29 to April 7. Boys and girls ages 5-14 are eligible to participate.

Registration for T-ball and flag football at Langford Park will be held April 17 to May 5. Boys and girls ages 5 to 8 are eligible.

Registration for H.G.K.A. summer soccer will be held on Sat., March 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Langford Park. H.G.K.A. summer soccer is for boys and girls in kindergarten and first grade.

Langford's Soccer Saturday 8 will be held on May 20. Featured will be a skills clinic for players in grades K-4 and a tournament for players in grades 5 to 8. This year's Soccer Saturday will be sponsored in part by Sunnyside-Roebuck and downtown state Farm State. Registration starts on March 11 and will end when available space is filled.

Upcoming activities sponsored by Langford and South St. Anthony include a trip to the Shoreview Community Recreation Center for indoor swimming and waterslide rides on March 16, a trip to the Science Museum and Omnil The- ater on March 17 and a Minnesota Moose hockey game vs. Las Vegas on March 31.

St. Anthony's baseball/ softball "spring training" will be held April 7 and 8. Players can join the team on an upcoming season with 8 hours of instruction and drills. Register by March 22.

To register for any of these events, or for more information, call 298-6765.


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School News

Falcons Heights Elementary

Our school has been very active in January and February. We had a winter fun day for the school on Feb. 7. In the morning we made books for less fortunate people in Minnesota. Our whole school (kindergarteners through 6th grade) participated in the event. The books were mainly picture books with one or two sentences explaining what the picture is. This was the second year we made books. In the afternoon we played games. We had about 12 games to choose from.

We also had D.A.R.E. graduation in January. D.A.R.E. officer was Mr. Eric B. We had to write an essay about what we learned during the course. We then had to write we would be drug-free people.

This month the 6th graders made and painted clay sculptures. They could make a comic character or a Greek god or goddess. Finally the 6th graders made clothes for the sculptures.

For Valentine’s Day, our student council sold valo grams or special valentines. They cost 25 cents each. Each valo gram had the name of the giver and the receiver and a piece of candy.

The 6th graders are looking forward to medieval times next month.

Eric Bloomquist

Murray Junior High

March is Women’s History Month.

Eighth graders have been visiting schools and talking to counselors about high schools because the deadline for secondary school applications is March 3. Then 8th graders will be registering for high school classes in late March and early April.

Murray will be having Step-Stone Theatre classes after school. That begins March 6 and is open to all students.

The Murray School Association has a planning meeting for the annual spring garage sale on March 7 at 7 p.m. in the library.

Mr. Svensson, a Murray math teacher, will be taking 30 students to H.B. Fuller Co. for a computer class and tour on March 7. The Magnet Science II students will also be going on an H.B. Fuller tour March 14 & 16.

Congratulations to these students: Theresa Schriver, Jenifer McKenzie, Julia Westhoff, Nicole Bell, Norris Anderson, Tyson Necker, Gretchen Nordstrom, Chen Zhao, Joey Singer, Melanie Stahl, Brian Shattack, Erin Seyfried, Melissa Grunet, Erin Mackley, Crystal Goldschmidt, Mark Galatowitch and Andrew DeVore. These students will be going to the regional science fair at Augustus College on March 21.

Parent conferences are on March 30 and April 4.

Pat Chevrier was named Coach of the Year. He coaches girls’ soccer and was honored by the St. Paul School Board in February. Congratulations!

Murray’s social worker, Bill Dech, died on Feb. 1. He was a social worker in the St. Paul school district for 30 years. Our condolences go to his family.

Megan Tracy

St. Anthony Park Elementary

The 6th grade Student Council elections took place on Feb. 10. Approximately 20 6th graders ran for the offices of president, vice president, and secretary. Winners were: Britta Hansen, president; Kirsten Griffin, vice president; Rachel Abbott, secretary; Liam Foss, alternate; Martin Bevis, treasurer; Chi Yang, alternate; Sirsat Larson, secretary; Thao Tran, alternate.

Fifth grade classes went to Camp St. Croix in Hudson, Wis., for an overnight. Their classes included cross country skiing.

The Spelling Bee champions were 5th grade Noel Young (1st place) and 6th grade Andy Grant (runner-up).

Fourth graders went to the Como Park Zoo. They have also been visiting their friends at the Sabbath Park Home twice a month to work on crafts and other projects. Ms. Roe/Ms. Eckert’s class presented “The Wizard of Oz” to the entire school.

Third graders have been learning about finances, including how to write a check. A field trip to a bank has been planned.

Second grade classes will be visiting Bellwood Nature Center. Also, 2nd graders as well as 3rd graders are going to see the Children’s Theatre production of “Amazing Grace.”

February was “I Love to Read Month” for 1st graders.

Kindergartners continue to meet with their 4th grade “buddy” for crafts and reading.

Officer Friendly visited with the classes to emphasize safety; some students were fingerprinted.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held the week of March 13. Kindergarten roundups will be held on Thursday, March 30, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Sirs Larson & Rachel Abbott

Como Park High School

Feb. 26 is the takeoff date for the students who are going to Washington, D.C., on the Closeup trip. A few of the local kids going are Tony Aviles, Matt Hammer, Kevin Larson, Jeff Lopez, Lisa Petkovitch, John Rubenstien, Luke Tresel and Nick Ward.

On March 1, 8 and 15, the sophomores will take Competency Tests. This allows the other grades a chance to sleep in later because school will have a late start! Yay!

Como adopted a new attendance policy that began Feb. 7. This policy allows students to be absent up to 14 days. Once a student reaches 14, he or she loses credit for that class, and is then transferred to the School Within a School class (SWS). In this class, the student can earn a different credit, if the number of absences stays below 20.

This new policy, however, has earned us a “lack of discipline” grade. Therefore, the school is telling us that they see no difference between a student discarding a class or a student attending a Student Council meeting. A compromise policy was proposed by the Parent Advisory Council, but was rejected by the Como staff. The new policy is a major concern to many people. And on that note, I would like to wish everyone a joyful St. Patrick’s Day.

Carlin McIntosh

Holy Childhood School

Holy Childhood School had some surprise visitors on Jan. 27—the Vikings from the St. Paul Winter Carnival. We had several students and one teacher “ knighted.”

Our virtue for March is Kindness. This means many acts of gentleness and goodness.

Congratulations to our second quarter Honor Roll students in 7th and 8th grades. The honorees are: Grade 8: Mrs. Oksay, Alisa Eiden, Kalmie Kalyatayee, Shelly Kroona, Megan Pierce, Krista Wynn; “B” honor roll: Rosie Crea, Mack Detviler, Mary Rose; Grade 7: “A” honor roll: Bridget Bailey, Luke Oliver, Olivia Duncan, Lucas Jennert, Anna Kurjatzie, Jenser Rask; “B” honor roll: Michelle Crompton, Alex Flaherty, Steve Radzitis, Wes Rafinken.

We have had a super candy sale! It started Jan. 25 and ended Feb. 24. It was lots of fun, lots of work, and lots of sweet treats! All K-8 students participated to make it a huge success!

Our “Brady and Company” assembly on Feb. 3 was great! Bradley played the banjo and had an exciting message of positive values. On Feb. 20 Todd Oliver, who is a ventriloquist, entertained all the students. He was an amazing performer!

Our basketball teams are doing very well. The boys placed second in their last tournament. The boys have one more tournament to go and we are hopeful about their success! The girls’ team will play two more games and then we have our tournament. Good luck, girls!

Many students had St. Valentine parties on Feb. 14. It was a fun and “hearty” day!

A few grades will be going to the Planetarium during March. Holy Childhood School will observe Lent in special ways. Each Friday we have an all-school Mass at 8:30 a.m. Also the students and staff pray the Stations of the Cross and have Benediction each Thursday at 2:15 p.m. On Ash Wednesday, March 1, the Mass will be at 10:45 a.m.

We wish everyone a happy St. Patrick’s Day on March 17. Holy Childhood teachers have school on that day, but the students don’t! Lucky kids!

Rosie Crea & Lisa Eiden
Money available for neighborhood projects

The St. Anthony Park Association is making small grants available to community organizations. Each year, SAPA reinvests a significant portion of members’ contributions into this program. This year, special funds are earmarked for the arts. Ad hoc organizations, such as the one that organized the festival in Lumpkin Park last year, are eligible and have received grants. General requirements include: it must be a defined, non-sectorian project that enhances the neighborhood and takes place in St. Anthony Park; the money may not be used for an organization’s operating expenses; and the project cannot duplicate another organization’s activities. There are reporting requirements to hold groups accountable for funds.

Applications are available at the St. Anthony Park Library and by calling Sandy McClure at 641-6561. Grant applications must be postmarked on or before April 14 to be considered.

Volunteers needed for 4th of July

Envision green grass, flowers in bloom, a warm sunny day, visiting with friends and neighbors, picnic food, games, a parade, kids in costume, endless volleyball games and music. That’s right! It’s the 4th of July in St. Anthony Park.

Some of the work on the 4th of July celebration starts at this time of year. If you’d like to help now or would prefer to help in July, call to let us know. Call Joan Dow Strye at 641-8842. Leave a message if she’s not home. If her answering machine is full with messages from people rushing to volunteer, call any member of the St. Anthony Park Association volunteers you might know, or call the St. Anthony Park Community Council at 292-7884. Joan’s e-mail address is joan.styres@state.mn.us.

If you’re too shy to call, ask a friend to call and volunteer both of you. Working on this event provides a good opportunity to meet new neighbors or spend time with friends you don’t often see.

Fare SHARE returns

Fare SHARE food distribution will be resumed at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church beginning on Sat., March 25. The church, at 2323 Como Ave., will open from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

SHARE stands for Self Help and Resource Exchange. It rewards two hours of community volunteerism with an opportunity to purchase a grocery package for the modest fee of $15. (A $1 surcharge is added the first month when you sign up.) There are no income or SHARE Operational Team. Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs. You can become involved by calling Joy Albrecht at 644-8833, or by contacting the representative at your church.

You must sign up and pay $15 by March 10 to receive food at the March 25 distribution. At that time you can also sign up for the next month.

Girls’ basketball team is runner-up

The Langford Pee Wee girls’ basketball team, coached by John Young and Cliff March, took second place in the Conway Invitational tournament held Feb. 25. On Feb. 2, the team won its first game against West Side, 28-23. Then on Feb. 5, the Langford girls lost to Battle Creek, 20-16, and were awarded the second place trophy.

The 5th and 6th grade team members are: Nikki Comby, Lindsey Jones, Jordan Calhoun, Caitlin Longley, Mayda Miller, Megan Wardlaw, Kimberly Budd, Betsy Waalen and Danica Young.

The team’s standing in city wide play is 6-0.

Family Fun Night

St. Anthony Park Nursery School will sponsor a “Family Fun Night and Silent Auction” on Fri., March 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the St. Anthony Park Library Community Room. Enjoy entertainment for the whole family with singing, dancing, storytelling and face painting for the kids. Several items will be auctioned off, including a weekend getaway to a quiet cabin, tickets to sporting events, catered dinner for four, pie-of-the-month service and much more for the adults. A donation will be accepted at the door. Call 644-0699 or 646-2378 for more information.

Art Fair applications available

The 26th annual art fair will be held on the lawn of the St. Anthony Park Branch Library on Sat., June 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Applications for exhibitors are now available at the library, 2245 Como Avenue.

First-time exhibitors are asked to submit slides or photos for consideration by the art fair committee. Applications are due by May 1, and postmark of application will be considered in assigning spaces on the lawn. The fee for a 4-by-6-foot space is $25; 12-by-12-foot spaces are $50. Some artists will demonstrate their crafts, including a group of potters from the Northern Clay Center.

Proceeds from the annual art fair benefit the St. Anthony Park Branch Library. A used book sale is held in the library community interest room at the same time, and neighborhood businesses host a street festival with bargains, food and entertainment.

Changes at Milton Square

A new business has opened and a long-time business has expanded in Como and Carter Avenues in St. Anthony Park.

The Oriental Gift Shoppe plus增加了 a new open on Feb. 11 in the lower level of the courtyard. The proprietors are Thuy Nguyen and Thao Tran, two sisters who are natives of Vietnam. The alterations will be done by Tran, who has worked professionally as a tailor.

The gift shop will feature items imported from Japan and China, such as ceramic tea sets, lacquer albums, jewelry boxes, various papers and silk. The store is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Above the new store, the Country Peddler has expanded into the space formerly occupied by Boomerangs.
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Strane has touched the lives of 2,000 Girl Scouts over 70 years

By Michelle Christensen

When you look at someone with gray hair, what do you see? “People think you have one foot in the grave,” says Bernice Strane. “Well that depends...”

Strane has never been one limited by the expectations (or lack thereof) of society. As a young girl, she often rode the streetcar alone (under the watchful eye of her director) from St. Paul to Stillwater, her birthplace. She played basketball, figure skated (her father performed with Shipstad and Johnson’s Ice Follies), and in general, was involved in any activity that took her fancy.

She was so interested in Girl Scouting that she walked all the way from her home near Como Lake to the People’s Church in downtown St. Paul (at night!). So when the Girl Scout office decided to start the first-ever troop in Pgoetown, Strane was the natural person to lead it, even though she was only 14 years old. Now, 70 years later, she is still leading Troop 63 at North Emanuel Lutheran Church with co-leader Arlys Eltis.

Strane, recently honored at a reunion with some of her Scouts, estimated that over the years she has led more than 2,000 girls. She has traveled to three of the four Girl Scout world centers. She was the first person to take a troop to the Girl Scout Cabana in Mexico. She has stayed with swiss at Olave House in England, “Our Chalet” in Switzerland and has stayed with Lady Baden-Powell, founder of the Girl Guides, at Hampton Court, England.

“After the World War I, people in Europe needed clothing and blankets. Our troop collected, cleaned, boxed, and mailed 52 boxes. Lady Baden-Powell was so grateful that she wrote to me personally when she was in Minneapolis, she brought me up on the stage to recognize us for our contributions,” Strane recounted.

The trips were always learning opportunities. The girls learned to milk cows and climb mountains, and studied the history and culture of the countries they visited. Each girl could pick the place she would like to visit so that the itineraries included Great Britain, Belgium, the Netherlands, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland and Yugoslavia. They also visited the Girl Guides in Canada, who showed them how to return when they visited Minnesota.

The girls always earned their own way for the trips, which were planned to be as economical as possible. Strane never let economics stand in the way of getting the girls from realizing their goals, often paying dues for them or buying supplies with her own money.

Of course Scouting has changed some over the years. In addition to the basics of camping, swimming and learning outdoor skills, the girls now learn about computers, math and astronomy. Some things never change nonetheless. “Girls are still the same: they’re gigglers at a certain age. Humanity doesn’t change much, it’s the things around us that change,” Strane remarked.

The rest of Strane’s life did not stand still during these earlier years. She worked at James J. Hill Reference Library while going to night school at the University of Minnesota. “One time I helped [Warren] Burger (later to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court) in a debate about sea power using my resources at the Hill library. That was great!”

After receiving her degree from the university, Strane was asked to teach at Elizabeth Hall school in north Minneapolis. No other teacher stayed longer than five years at that inner city school, but Strane taught there for 17 years, earning the Minnesota Honor Award of the Year in 1967. “I loved it,” she says. “I could hardly wait to get there each day.”

Strane used creativity and imagination in her teaching. There was a 75-foot by 150-foot plot of land across from the school that she received permission to plant as a garden, buying the seeds with her own money. There the children learned math, nutrition, environmental science and even cooking. “We planted 75 tomato plants along with other vegetables that many of them had never tasted. After harvesting the crop we showed the parents and children how to cook everything and many of them went home and planted their own gardens.”

In 1941, Bernice married Jack Strane and later had two daughters. Star and Joy (named for the star of Bethlehem and the carousel “Joy to the World”). The Stranes have lived in St. Anthony Park for 55 years. The girls benefited from their mother’s connection with Girl Scouts, traveling with them all over the world and taking part in all the camping experiences. Nevertheless, they didn’t belong to Troop 63 until they were Senior Scouts. “I didn’t want them to be in a favored position,” says Strane.

“There was no day camp at that time, so I started one myself at Como Park. I wrote to the Park Board and got permission to build fires there.” The girls hiked to the camp each day and learned many camping and cooking skills.

Strane also was instrumental in beginning the Senior Girl Scouting Program, whose purpose is “to make them competent women.” She has always been interested in the total person, valuing personal growth and developing self-esteem as highly as learning skills.

One ongoing activity for the troop is the annual visit to Bethesda Lutheran Care Center, this last Christmas being the 53rd consecutive year. The girls always bake over 100 dozen cookies and bring them in boxes of a dozen to each person in the center, casing in the halls and visiting with each patient.

Scouting has not been Strane’s only volunteer activity. She has also been involved in many other civic and service activities. She has been a member of the Elder Council for the city of St. Paul, the Como Park Planning Commission, the Como Zoo Design Committee and the Ramsey County Committee for Housing for the Elderly. She most recently was a representative for Minnesota at the White House Conference on Aging, is Membership Chair for Minneso- ta AARP and heads the Cheer and Service Committee of the Retired Teachers’ Association, personally delivering flowers and birthday cards to other retired teachers.

One other project dear to Strane is the annual scholarship program for senior students (one to a minority and one to a senior from a Minneapolis high school, chosen on a rotating basis). This is a function of the Women in Education, a Minnes- soha teachers’ group of which Strane is a member.

Of course, there is still Troop 63, comprised of 25 to 30 girls ages 12 to 18. Strane has no intention or retiring as long as she is physically able to continue. “Retirement? Never!” asserts Strane.

Photo by Tony Olson
Bernice Strane, right, shares Scouting memories with her daughter, Joy Albrecht.
Music

These free concerts will be presented Wednesdays and Thursdays at noon in the Terrace Cafe at the University of Minnesota Student Center on the St. Paul Campus, 2017 Buford Ave., on Fri., March 3, at 8 p.m. The event will be set up in a cabaret-style setting to accommodate both concertgoers and those ready to dance.

"Out of Africa" is made up of eight musicians from various parts of Africa, the Caribbean and the United States. The group blends traditional and contemporary African musical styles to create its own Pan-African pop sound.

Tickets are $3 in advance or $4 at the door ($2 in advance and $2 at the door for U of M students). Tickets may be purchased at the St. Paul Student Center (Union Station) or at Coffman Union on the Minneapolis campus. For more information, call 624-3742.

The New Folk Collective co-sponsors the following concerts at the University of Minnesota St. Paul Center, 2017 Buford Ave., on Fri., March 3, 4, Carrie Newcomer and Brooks Williams, March 10, Eileen McGann.

Tickets for each concert are $9 advance, $10 at the door and $5 for U of M students. Tickets may be available two weeks prior to the concerts at the Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave. For more information, call 624-6096.

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., will stage a bit from its Scandinavian heritage when it sponsors its first-ever Welsh Hymn Sing (Gymnasa Gau) on Sun., March 5, at 3 p.m. Leading the singing will be Mary Morris, organist and choirmaster of St. Anthony Park, who this past fall directed 1,200 singers at the national Gymnasa Gau in Bellevue, Wash. The singing will be accompanied by Mark Llewellyn Whitfield on the organ.

In Wales, the tradition of powerful four-part hymn singing goes back for hundreds of years. A number of Welsh descent brought the tradition to this country, where in any given month there can be from 10 to 15 such events. Around March 1, the celebration day for St. David, the patron saint of Wales, there are perhaps as many as 40 to 50 such singing festivals throughout the United States.

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church invites all members of the community to join them in the singing of four-part Welsh hymns, most of which are familiar to Christians everywhere. The hymns will be in English, and music will be provided for all participants. The event is free of charge. Nursery service will be provided. During intermission, the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church choir, under the direction of David Moberg, will present one or two Welsh anthems.

Following the singing, a light Welsh supper will be available. The menu will include "cawl" (lamb stew), bread and butter, "Pice a y Mear" (Welsh cake), and of course, tea, as well as other beverages. If requested in advance, a vegetarian entree will be available. Advance tickets are required for the supper (adults $4; children, $3). Call 645-0371 to purchase supper tickets.

The Twin Cities Jazz Society's "Jazz from J to Z" series presents "In the Spirit of Art," a tribute to the music of Art Blakey, featuring Pete Whitman's Departure Point, a six-member group. The concert will be presented at the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus Student Center Theater, 2017 Buford Ave., on Sat., March 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $5 for TCUS members, students and seniors, or $8 for others. Free admission will be given to those who join the Twin Cities Jazz Society at the concert.

For ticket information, call Pete Cameron, 907-5216. For further information on the series, call Paul Winger, 644-6742.

Visual Art

The human impulse to collect is the theme of "Collecting: The Instinct for Order," an exhibit opening from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sun., March 5, at the University of Minnesota's Goldstein Gallery. In conjunction with the show, curator Timothy Blade will speak on "You Are What You Collect" at 4 p.m., Wed., March 29, in McNeal Hall.

The exhibit features soap boxes, cigar bands, apple box labels, tobacco tins, Vera scarves, Statue of Liberty postcards, caddy spoons and other items from 35 collectors. The show defines the difference between accumulating and collecting and portrays how the act of collecting helps define collectors.

The Goldstein Gallery is located in 244 McNeal Hall on the St. Paul campus. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thurs. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun. For more information contact Suzanne Srostat at 624-7434.

A ceramics symposium, "What's Clay Got to Do With It?" will be presented by the Northern Clay Center at the annual conference of the National Council for Education on the Ceramic Arts. The symposium will take place on March 24 and 25 at the Red Eye Theater in Minneapolis. The general theme for the symposium is a discussion of the values of craft and art: defining cultural, social, aesthetic, historical and labor values and discussing how those values are applied to creative work defined as craft and as art.

Call the Northern Clay Center, 642-1735, for registration information.

An exhibit called "Minnesota Hot Dish" will open at the Northern Clay Center, 2375 University Ave., on Fri., March 10, with an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. It will feature ceramic baking and serving dishes by ceramic artists from Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Manitoba and Ontario. The exhibition, which runs through April 29, celebrates a regional delicacy and food staple and will include functional and sculptural vessels.

Literature

Bring your new work, old work, works-in-progress and your own personal work. The Loft's free open reading series, "Wide Open," at Susan's Coffeehouse & Dell, 2359 University Ave. Or next come to sample the work of familiar and new writers on the first Monday of each month. The next session will be held on March 6. The reading order will be announced at the event (limit: 5 minutes).

Call The Loft at 379-8999 for more information.

The St. Anthony Park Writers' Workshop will meet on Tues., March 7, at 7:30 p.m., at 2116 Skillman Ave. W., Roseville. Call 638-9456 for further information.

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A Purim pageant for the family

Music in the Park Series presents Voices of Sephardah (Sephardad means Spain in Hebrew) in "Coplas de Purim: A Purim Pageant" on Sunday, March 19, at 3 p.m., at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. This modern-day pageant draws on the rich Purim traditions of Mediterranean Sephardic communities, weaving together music, dance, and narrative. The program is the second in the family concert series. Purim is a Jewish holiday celebrating the deliverance of the Jews from massacre by Haman, an enemy of the Jews who was hanged for plotting their destruction. Jews throughout the world commemorate the holiday by feasting, singing and reading from the scroll of Esther. Queen Esther helped save her people from harm.

At one time, communities took great pleasure mounting Purim pageants with colorful costumes, theatrical high jinx and pointed satire. "Coplas de Purim" entertains audiences with masquerade, special holiday songs, a unique set and the ensemble's energetic style. "Coplas de Purim" is an experiential performance. The audience is given noisemakers to boo and hiss the villain, and some concertgoers will join the performers on stage.

Voices of Sephardah is named after the Spanish Jews who resettled in the Mediterranean after being banished from medieval Spain in 1492. Comprised of music director/vocalist David Harris, choreographer/dancer Judith Brin Ingber, guitarist and oud player Scott Davies and percussionist Mick LaBriola, Voices of Sephardah has performed to critical acclaim throughout North America and Europe. The group has appeared at the internationally renowned Jewish Theatre in Warsaw; the New World School of the Arts in Miami and Manhattan's Danspace Project.

Voices of Sephardah will perform at Music in the Park's Family Concert Series on March 19. Pictured (clockwise) are Mick LaBriola, percussion; David Harris, vocalist; Judith Brin Ingber, dancer; and Scott Davies, oud.

The Music in the Park family concert series is funded with a grant from Target Stores. Tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for children, or $7 for adults and $5 for children if purchased in advance. Tickets are available at The Bibelot Shop and Micawber's Bookstore. For more information, call 644-4234.

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Our strike support group is off to a new beginning, as we recently welcomed new members from the area. It is always a learning experience to share trials and successes with others. Thanks for all the community interest and support.

If interested or for more information about the group contact Lisa.

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1 Wed.  
Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.  

Midway-Midday Toastmasters, Huntington Engineering, 662 Cromwell Ave., noon–1 p.m. Call Dave Bredenbarg, 646-4061. Also Wed., March 15.

2 Thurs.  
St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5 p.m.

3 Fri.  
Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day. St. Paul secondary school applications due.

World Day of Prayer service, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 10 a.m.

Youth Activity Night for grades 6–12, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside at Como, 7–11 p.m. Every Friday.

5 Sun.  
Lenten supper and program, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 6 p.m. Call 646-7173. Every Sunday in Lent.

6 Mon.  
AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 647-2466 or 770-8246.

7 Tues.  
Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur, 7:30 a.m. Call Greg Fields, 648-4255. Every Tues.

Rainbow Foods coupon sales to support scholarships, St. Anthony Park School Library, 2180 Knapp St., 8:30–9:30 a.m. & 10:30–11 a.m. every Tuesday. Also Thursdays, 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Family gym night, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6:30–8 p.m. Every Tues.

Political caucuses. See p. 20 for times and places.

8 Wed.  
St. Anthony Park recycling day.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.

Bookmobile at Hamline & Hoyt, 12:30–6:30 p.m. Also March 22.

St. Anthony Park Community Council Town Meeting on dispute resolution, St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 7 p.m.

10 Fri.  
Bookmobile at Seal Hi-Rise, 11 a.m.–noon, also March 24.

12 Sun.  
St. Patrick’s Day dinner, St. Cecilia’s Church, 2257 Bayless Place, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

13 Mon.  
Como Park recycling day. Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1–3 p.m. Call 488-3361 or 644-4055.

14 Tues.  
No classes for kindergartners, St. Paul Public Schools. Also March 15–17.

St. Anthony Park Association, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, Hillside and Como Aves. 5:45 p.m. social hour, 6:15 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program.

Falcon Heights Human Rights Commission, Falcon Heights City Hall, 7 p.m.

Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7:30 p.m.

15 Wed.  
No classes for grades K–6, St. Paul Public Schools. Also March 16 & 17.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.

Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7:30 p.m.

16 Thurs.  
Classes dismissed at 11 a.m., Murray Junior High School.  
Midway-Highland Chapter 930, American Association of Retired Persons, Lyngblomsten Senior Center, 1415 Almond Ave., 1 p.m. Call 644-6715.

17 Fri.  
No classes for grades K–12, St. Paul Public Schools.

Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.

Storytimes for 2- and 3-year-olds, St. Anthony Park Library, 2249 Como Ave., 10:30 a.m. Fridays through April 7. Register by calling 292-6635.

18 Sat.  
Lauderdale 500 Club, Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 1 p.m.

21 Tues.  
Kindergarten readout, Chelsea Heights Elementary School, 3:45 p.m. Call 293-8790.

District 10 Community Council, 7 p.m. Call 644-3889 for location.

Lauderdale Planning & Zoning Task Force, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

22 Wed.  
St. Anthony Park recycling day.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.

St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing & Human Services Committee, South St. Anthony Rec. Center, 890 Cromwell, 5 p.m.

Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 7 p.m.

25 Sat.  
FareHARE distribution and registration for April at Holy Childhood Church, 1435 Midway Pkwy. 9:30–11 a.m. Call 644-7495; or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2233 Como Ave., 8:30–11 a.m. Call 644-8633.

27 Mon.  
Como Park recycling day.

Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1–3:30 p.m. Call 488-3361 or 644-0055.

St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors, St. Anthony Park Library, 7:30–9:30 p.m.

28 Tues.  
Neighborhood meeting with Ward 4 St. Paul City Council Member Bobbi Megen, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30 p.m.

Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

29 Wed.  
Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.

30 Thurs.  
Midway-Highland Chapter 930, American Association of Retired Persons, Lyngblomsten Senior Center, 1415 Almond Ave., 1 p.m. Call 699-7457.

Kindergarten readout, St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 1:30–3 p.m. Call 293-8750.

31 Fri.  
No school, Roseville Area Schools. Classes resume April 10.

St. Paul magnet elementary school applications due.

Items for the April Community Calendar must be submitted to the Bugle office by 6 p.m. Mon., March 20.

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Caucus on March 7
Political parties will hold caucuses on Tues., March 7, beginning the selection process for candidates seeking endorsement in the St. Paul school board and city council races. Baguio-area residents attending the Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) Party caucuses will convene at 7 p.m. The Ward 4 caucus is at Ramsey Junior High School, 1700 Summit Ave.; Ward 5 meets at Como Senior High, 740 Rose Ave. W.
A city-wide caucus is planned for the Independent-Republican (IR) Party. Residents of all wards will convene at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Technical College, 225 Marshall Ave. The group will then break into wards.

Town meeting with legislators on February 25
Sen. John Marty and Rep. Mary Jo McGuire have scheduled a town meeting on Sat., Feb. 25 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. to talk with residents about issues being considered during the 1995 Legislative session. McGuire and Marty represent District 6A, which includes the cities of St. Anthony, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and much of Roseville. The meeting will be held at Roseville City Hall, at the corner of County Road C and 13th Avenue. Marty and McGuire mailed every household in the district a questionnaire to get feedback on key issues. Completed questionnaires may be brought to the town meeting, or mailed to Marty’s office.

Daffodil Days
The 15th annual American Cancer Society Daffodil Days is planned for Tues., March 14 through Mon., March 20. Fresh daffodils in bouquets of ten are offered for a donation of $5 per bouquet. Proceeds will be used to further the society’s research, education and patient services programs. Those interested in selling or buying daffodils may call Annie Sarver-Bodoh at the American Cancer Society office in Park Bank, 2265 Como Ave., at 644-1224.

“We hope that many people will come to the meeting and complete the questionnaire. We also want to remind people that they can contact us whenever there is an issue of concern to them,” Sen. Marty said.

Movie studio opens
Minneapolis meant that most of their money was spent in that city’s hotels, restaurants and other businesses. As a result, the creation of a studio space in our area is “a tremendous windfall for St. Paul,” in Adamick’s view.

Caron points out that the economic benefit of incoming film productions is twofold: They not only bring in their production crews, who provide new employment for the local businesses, but they also employ local talent.

In fact, the abundance of local talent in the Twin Cities is one of the main reasons film producers want to work here. Adamick says there are “basically five commodities” producers are looking for: locations, acting talent, technical crews, facilities and government cooperation. The Twin Cities are known for its strong, theater-based acting community and also has many well-trained technical professionals, and with the addition of a top-notch production facility, it will be easier to encourage more films to come here. According to Adamick, there are at least five films coming to the Twin Cities in the next few months, all looking into shooting at the new studio. “We’re very enthused about the opening of Energy Park Studios,” he says.

Life in the Church: Come and Share

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Sunday School: 9:30 am. Bethany Baptist Morning Worship: 10:45 am. Filipino-American Worship 10:45 am Pastor Bruce Peterson

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2131 No. Fairview at County Road B. 639-6888 Meaningful liturgies in a new worship space. A welcoming community. Handicap-accessible Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm Sunday Masses: 8:30 and 10:30 am Ash Wednesday Services, March 1: 6:45 am, Service of Ashes noon and 7 pm All Friday nights in March, 7 pm Stations of the Cross Journey to Easter Video and Study between Masses Sundays 9:30 am and 10 am

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1407 No. Cleveland Ave. Sunday Worship: 10 am
Lamont Koerner, Pastor

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"THE CHURCH WITH A SMILE" 1460 Almond at Pascal. 645-2575 Sunday Worship: 9 am Church Education Hour: 10:30 am Wednesdays in March Fellowship Luncheon 5:30 pm Lenten Worship 6:30 pm

PEACE LUTHERAN 1 LAUDELD N
Welcome to all. 644-5440 Sunday Worship: 10:30 am. Eucharist 1st and 3rd Sundays. Sunday Church School: 9:15 am. Ash Wednesday services March 1: 11 am and 7 pm Wednesday Lenten Schedule: 5:30 pm supper. 6 pm Forum, 7 pm Holden Vespers

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ST. ANTHONY PARK LUTHERAN
Como and Luther Place. Handicap-accessible. 645-0371 Sunday Worship: 8:45 and 11 am. Nursery at both services. Communion first and third Sunday Sunday School: 9:30 am Sunday Adult Education and Bible Study: 9:50 am Tuesday Bible Study: 10 am and 7 pm at Amos and Housea. Thursday Evening: Quilts 1st and 3rd Fridays Men’s Prayer Group at noon. Ash Wednesday, March 1, 6:10 Book Study, 7 pm Lenten Worship. Wednesday Worship 7 pm each week during Lent. March 5, 3 pm Welsh Hymn Sing followed by a light supper. Tickets in advance for the supper. Our van is available. If you need a ride call the church office. New members welcome. We invite you to call Pastor Ofstedal

ST. P. A.R. UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
2139 Commonwealth at Chelmford. 646-7173 Sunday Worship: 10 am Sunday Education Hour for Children, Youth and Adults: 9 am Nursery Care Provided Rev. Rollin Kirk, Interim Minister

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ST. CECELIA’S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Cromwell and Bayles Place. 644-4502 Saturday Mass: 5 pm Sunday Mass: 10 am at church (nursery provided) and 8:30 am at St. Gal-Hi-Rise, 825 Sel St. (handicap accessibility) Daily Mass: 7 am at the Parish Center Holy Days Mass 7 am, 12:05 noon, 5:30 pm at the Hi-Rise Ash Wednesday Services March 1: 7, 12:05 pm and 6:30 pm at the church.

ST. MATTHEW’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2136 Carter at Chelmsford. 645-3058 Sunday School Schedule: 8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:15 am Eucharist Rite II Nursery and child care at both services Activities during the sermon at second service 10:10 am Int’l Hour for All Ages The Rev. Grant Abbott, Rector The Rev. Lynn Lawyer, Deacon

WARRENDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1540 Como Ave. at Oxford. 489-6054
Sunday Worship: 10:15 am (nursery provided) Sunday Church School: 9 am Dr. Robert Bailey, Minister